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**Our Case No. 10541-595**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Heather Steiner Brown

Serial No. 10/025,585

Filing Date: December 18, 2001

For ELECTRIC CONTROL FOR  
AUTOMOBILE HEADLIGHTS

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) Examiner: John Amarantides  
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) Group Art Unit No.: 2875  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(b)**

This affidavit is made as to the facts that are relied upon to establish the diligent effort made to secure the execution of a declaration by the named inventor Heather Steiner Brown in connection with the above-identified patent application.

1. Heather Steiner Brown is a named inventor and the sole inventor on the present patent application.
2. Heather Steiner Brown's last known address is:

Heather Steiner Brown, 12044 Clearview Lane, Holland, Michigan 49424

3. Heather Steiner Brown is a former employee of Visteon Corporation, parent company of Visteon Global Technologies, Inc.. Due to terms of her employment with Visteon Corporation, Ms. Brown was under an obligation to assign all inventions made during her employment to Visteon Global Technologies, Inc. Therefore Visteon Global Technologies, Inc. has a proprietary interest in the application.

4. On November 8, 2001, a completed patent application, including a declaration ready for signature, was mailed to the home address of Heather Steiner Brown at 410 Village Green Blvd., Apt. 103, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105. In the letter accompanying the application, Ms. Brown was requested to review the application, and if it meets with her approval, to sign and return the declaration attached. A copy of that referenced letter is attached as Exhibit A. That letter was returned on December 4, 2001 as "Return to Sender - No longer at this address". A copy of the return envelope is attached as Exhibit B.
5. On December 7, 2001, our firm sent an email to Visteon Global Technologies, Inc. informing them that Heather Steiner Brown was no longer at the address in Ann Arbor, MI and her telephone number had also been disconnected. Attached as Exhibit C
6. On December 10, 2001, we received an email from Legal Assistant, Ms. Brenda Garrett of Visteon Global Technologies, Inc. advising us of a new address for Ms. Brown, attached as Exhibit D.
7. On November 13 and November 15, 2002, we conducted three computer searches of Public Records for Heather Steiner Brown via the following websites, attached as Exhibit E:  
  

[www.kevdb.infospace.com](http://www.kevdb.infospace.com) (Yahoo People Search)  
[www.choicepointonline.com](http://www.choicepointonline.com)
8. On November 15, 2002, we sent another letter with the completed patent application, including a declaration for signature to the following address 12044 Clearview Lane, Holland Michigan 49424 via Federal Express. That letter was also returned to us on December 4, 2002. Attached as Exhibit F is the Federal Express tracking page indicating the incorrect address and could not locate Ms. Brown.
9. At the request of the undersigned, undersigned's assistant Ms. Shirley Courey called Ameritech on December 5, 2002 to obtain a telephone number for Ms. Brown. No listing for Ms. Brown was found in Ann Arbor or Holland, Michigan.
10. To date, the undersigned has received no correspondence since November 15, 2002 and has not received an executed declaration from Ms. Brown. Since Ms. Brown has not responded to the repeated requests for execution of the declaration, it is the undersigned's belief, based on the facts, that Ms. Brown is unavailable or refuses to sign the declaration for this application.

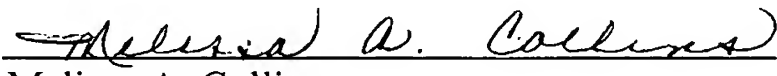
The undersigned further declares that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 02-20-2003

  
Sujatha Subramaniam  
Attorney for Visteon Global Technologies, Inc.

I, Melissa A Collins, a Notary Public in the State of Michigan, Washtenaw County, do hereby certify that Sujatha Subramaniam, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 20th day of February, 2003.

  
Melissa A. Collins  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: June 18, 2003

